

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-17 and add the following new claims:

Claims 1-17 (Canceled)

Claim 18 (New) A surgical device for severing tissue, the surgical device comprising:

a clamp having a clamping surface;

a hook member being movable relative to the clamp and configured to capture a vessel between the hook member and the clamping surface; and

at least one electrode for applying RF energy to the vessel captured between the hook member and the clamping surface.

Claim 19 (New) The surgical device of claim 18, wherein the at least one electrode is carried on the clamp.

Claim 20 (New) The surgical device of claim 18, wherein the clamp is at least partially slidably disposed within the hook member.

Claim 21 (New) A surgical device for severing tissue, the surgical device comprising:

a clamp having a clamping surface and a lumen;

a hook member, the hook member and the clamp being movable relative to one another, the hook member and the clamp configured to capture a vessel between the hook member and the clamping surface; and

a cutting blade slidably disposed within the lumen between open and closed positions, the cutting blade having a cutting edge to sever the tissue.